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- 1. WASHINGTON POST, MARCH 23, CARRIES ARTICLE BY DAVID B. OTTAWAY ALLEGING THAT IRAN HAS ASKED OMAN TO JOIN WITH IT IN PLAN TO CONTROL ALL SHIPPING PASSING THROUGH STRAITS OF HORMUZ INTO GULF. ARTICLE CLAIMS IRANIAN PLAN AIMED AT "PREVENTING SHIPMENT OF ARMS FROM UNFRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO DISSIDENTS OPERATING IN ARAB GULF STATES AND SHEIKHDOMS AND AT CONTROLLING POLLUTION" FROM OIL TANKERS. PLAN SAID TO INVOLVE ESTABLISHMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROL STATION ON ISLAND IN OR NEAR STRAITS WHERE SHIPS WOULD FLUSH OUT WASTES BEFORE PROCEEDING INTO GULF. PLAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH JAPANESE OIL INTEREST WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TAKING ON CONTRACT FOR OPERATING STATION. ARTICLE BEING POUCHED TO ACTION ADDRESSEE POSTS.
- 2. WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFO POSTS HAVE ON ABOVE REPORT. INCLUDE USUN AS INFO ADDRESSEE IN RESPONSE.
- 3. IN PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 23, DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WAS ASKED: "CHARLES, HAS THE U. S. GOVERNMENT BEEN INFORMED BY IRAN OF ANY DESIRE TO DEINTERNATIONALIZE THE STRAITS?"

HE REPLIED, "NO. I GATHER WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON THIS IDEA OF ANY KIND, BERNIE, AT LEAST SO I AM INFORMED THIS MORNING." WE CHOOSE NOT TO GO BEYOND THIS RESPONSE FOR THE PRESENT. ROGERS

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